

PRESS RELEASE

CADETS TAKE HOME CAP ENCAMPMENT HONORS

Two Civil Air Patrol Condor Composite Squadron cadets took home top honors for their work at this year's Civil Air Patrol, New York Wing Leadership Encampment held at Fort Drum in Watertown, New York, from July 27 through August 3, 2003.

Condor Composite Squadron Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Valerie Marsh from Castile, was awarded Honor Cadet from the Cadet Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) Academy. She was the only female cadet out of twenty four cadets that made up the academy. She was presented with her award during graduation ceremonies on Sunday, August 3rd. Cadet Marsh distinguished herself through leadership abilities and self discipline throughout the week long leadership building experience.

Cadet Master Sergeant Joel Bouchard from Perry, as guidon bearer, presented his flight's guidon when his flight received the encampment's Honor Flight at graduation exercises. He also received a commander's commendation certificate as a result of his attention to his quarters.

In addition, cadets Adam Pope from Wyoming, Chrissy Husted from Centerville, and Emily Wadsworth from Geneseo, attended the encampment at Fort Drum. Cadet Robert Husted from Centerville, also attended serving on the cadet Standards and Evaluation Team. Senior members Captain Charlie Miller also attended serving as Communications Mentor and First Lieutenant Scott Gardner as Asst. Public Affairs Mentor. Diane Wojtowicz and Bill Hughes also attended serving as Flight Operations staff.

Civil Air Patrol's New York Wing hosts the leadership encampment annually. Cadets and senior members from across New York attend the week long event as a training and leadership building experience. Senior members act as mentors to a cadet staff that manages the day to day functions of the nearly 300 cadets attending the week long event. Cadets are taught leadership, drill and ceremony, model rocketry, aerospace education, and physical fitness. Cadets also get to view A-10 Warthog range firing exercises, participate in orientation flights in CAP aircraft, and view special static displays of military vehicles and aircraft. They stay in barracks furnished by the US Army at Fort Drum.

Civil Air Patrol, the official Air Force Auxiliary, is a nonprofit organization with more than 63,000 members nationwide. It performs 95% of continental U.S. search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center. Volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and counterdrug missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members take a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to the almost 27,000 young people currently participating in CAP cadet programs. On the Web visit: www.capnhq.gov